(Estate Office Area) was less than four lakhs, therefore, for the purpose of House Rent Allowance, Chandigarh could not qualify for classification as B-2 city.

(c) The Fourth Pay Commision have also recommended for continuance of the existing scheme of classification of cities for the purpose of House Rent Allow--ance and Compensatory (City) Allowance based on decennial census figures, which is also the thinking in Government.

Setting up of a Mineral Export Development Fund

'@1709. SHR1 KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is being considered for setting up of a mineral export development fund; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH); (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Misuse of Royalty Concessions

1710. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is misuse of concessions offered in respect of royalty received from foreign companies;

(b) if so, bow many cases have been brought to light during the assessment year 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to prevent such misuse?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) No specific case of misuse of concessions offered under section 80-0 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in respect o£ royalty received from foreign companies has come to notice so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Representation received from unions/ associations in Alipore Mint.

1711. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE .be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated the 31st October, 1987 from the different unions and associations functioning at Alipore Mint; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and

(b) Yes, Sir. In the Memorandum dated 31-10-87, the Steering Committee of the Unions have conveyed their apprehension about likely retrenchment of workers in case the Government decided to go ahead with the modernisation of the Mints, i»-volving *inter alia,* entrustment of the work of manufacture of stainless steel coin blanks to any agency, other than the Mints and discontinuation of Manufacture of Aluminium-Magnesram 5 paise and 20 paise coins. The main points raised in the memorandum woulde be taken into account while taking a final decision on the proposals for the modernisation of the Mints.